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1922 - 1997

October 25, 1997

Souvenir Booklet

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WELCOME TO MARDI GRAS 1997

The Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to the 1997 version of Mardi Gras. This is the 75th year for what I call the annual homecoming for Pinckneyville. As you walk downtown during the flea market you will see faces of those who live and work in Pinckneyville, the surrounding area and even out of state. You will notice people shaking hands, hugging and talking about times past. This is a week-end centered around our children who look forward to dressing up for the afternoon grade school parade and loading up on candy which is given out at the Mardi Gras Parade Saturday night. The look on the faces of the very young when people dressed in costume come by and shake their hand is priceless.

The Chamber of Commerce is very proud to sponsor this Mardi Gras weekend. It has been a tradition in Pinckneyville for 75 years. We invite you to take in as much of this weekend as you possibly can. I can assure you that the Chamber of Commerce is working very hard to keep our community of Pinckneyville prosperous for another 75 years and beyond. See you around town!

*Kevin Place
President
Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce*

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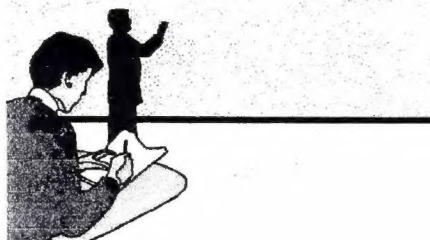


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**ART 111 Art Appreciation (3 cr.)**

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 9:00-10:20, TTH DQ EXT CTR STAFF

ART 220 Art History I (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 10:30-11:50, TTH DQ EXT CTR STAFF

CIS 101 Intro to Computers (3 cr.)

Course Type: Career, Prerequisite: None

9N 5:30-9:20, M DQ EXT CTR STAFF

CIS 207 Computer Applications (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 5:30-9:20, W DQ EXT CTR STAFF

ENG 101 English Composition I (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 12:00-12:50, MWF DQ EXT CTR STAFF

9P 6:00-9:20, TH DQ EXT CTR STAFF

ENG 102 English Composition II (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: ENG 101

9N 6:00-9:20, M DQ EXT CTR STAFF

HTH 135 Drug Abuse & Alcohol Ed (2 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 4:00-5:50, TH DQ EXT CTR STAFF

HIS 202 United States History II (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 6:00-9:20, T DQ EXT CTR STAFF

LIT 280 Intro to Literature (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 10:00-10:50, MWF DQ EXT CTR STAFF

MAT 052 Basic Algebra with Geometry (4 cr.)

Course Type: Non-Transfer, Prerequisite: MAT 051

9N 2:00-3:20, MWF DQ EXT CTR STAFF

MAT 113 Contemporary Mathematics (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: MAT 062

9N 1:00-1:50, MWF DQ EXT CTR STAFF

MAT 120 Elementary Statistics (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: MAT 062

9N 6:00-9:20, W DQ EXT CTR STAFF

PSC 131 American Government (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 6:00-9:20, W DQ EXT CTR STAFF

PSY 132 General Psychology (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 6:00-9:20, T DQ EXT CTR STAFF

SPE 113 Theater Appreciation (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 11:00-11:50, MWF DQ EXT CTR STAFF

SPE 115 Speech (3 cr.)

Course Type: Transfer, Prerequisite: None

9N 6:00-9:20, M DQ EXT CTR STAFF



WELCOME HOME..... FOR THE 75TH TIME!

I'm fairly certain that 'Mardi Gras' does not translate to "welcome home' or 'homecoming' unless you are from the Pinckneyville area and have experienced our Halloween celebration we call 'Mardi Gras'. For 75 years the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce has been sponsoring this Fall Festival that has truly become a Homecoming. Not just a homecoming for those that live away and return for the event, but for those of us who live right here in town and the surrounding area. Mardi Gras gives us all a chance to come home, to visit with friends, to experience Pinckneyville at its best, and for many of us, to hark back to the past Mardi Gras celebrations.

Certainly this year would be a good year to think back to Halloweens past in that the Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 75th year with this truly unique event. Unique in that it is purported to be the state's oldest continuously running nighttime parade. Unique also because of the holiday it is celebrating, (what other community has been making such big 'to do' over Halloween for as long as we have?). Unique given the vast numbers of people that attend this event. And lastly, unique for me to see my normally quiet, reserved and hard working hometown transform itself into such a festive, care-free and slightly mischievous village. Practically everyone gets involved in some way from being in costume, to making the costume or being on a float or building the float. Or maybe it's simply a matter of coming out to watch the parade and cheer on the hundreds of marchers. Mardi Gras has been such a success over the years because the whole town turns out to support and participate in this event.

So, no matter how old or young you are, whether you live in Pinckneyville or out of town, or whether you are from here and returning, or have never been to our 'friendly little city', the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce would like to say have fun and 'Welcome Home'.

Respectfully



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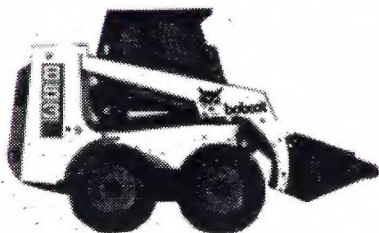


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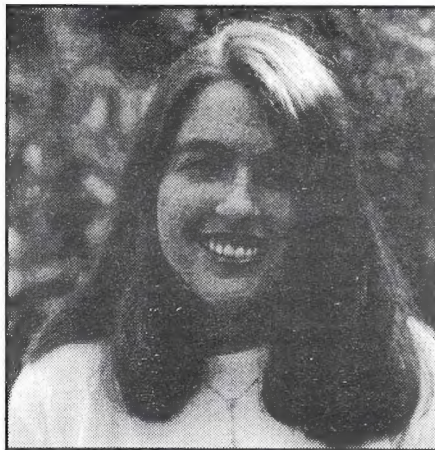


Angela McCurdy

Parents: Connie Ricks and Steve McCurdy

I enjoy going boating, shopping and talking on the phone. I plan to attend Rend Lake for 2 years and major in education.

1997 Mardi Gras Queen Candidates



Jennifer Lemmon

Parents: Clay & Doloris Lemmon

Activities: Math Club, Music Makers, Scholar Bowl,
Spanish Club, Pep Club, Flag Team

Church: St. Charles Catholic Church

I think that being Mardi Gras Queen would be a great opportunity to raise my self-esteem, also, I think the scholarship would really be helpful for funding my education



Jessica Mohr

Parents: Kenneth & Ivelize

Activities: Drama Club, Music Makers, Band Drum
Major, Spanish Club, Art Club, Who's Who among high
school students, NHS, Yearbook Staff, Math Club

Church: St. Paul's United Church of Christ

I want to be Mardi Gras Queen because it would be a fun experience to meet new people and the scholarship award would help encourage me for college to get started.



Kristy Schneider

Parents: Mike & Norma Schneider

Activities: Art Club, Pep Club, Basketball,
Yearbook Staff, Who's Who among American High
School Students

Church: United Methodist Church

*I want to be Mardi Gras Queen so I could meet
new people, I think it would be an enjoyable expe-
rience.*



Stephanie Fulk

Parents: Samuel J. Fulk

Activities: Pom Poms, Flags, Spanish Club,
Math Club, Science Club, Chorus, and Pep
Club

Church: Non-Denominational Church

*I want to be Mardi Gras Queen so I can be a
representative of our town. Also, by being
queen, it will give me a good inner feeling.*



Adrienne Crabtree

Parents: Linda & Craig Williams, Curt Crabtree

Activities: Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert
Band, Chorus, Cantering Unlimited

Church: St. Paul United Church of Christ

*I want to be Mardi Gras Queen I think it would
be a good time to make new friends and get to
know my community better.*



Jeanne Millikin

Parents: Frank & Carol Millikin

Activities: Softball, Band, Math Club, Science
Club, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Band President

Church: Rosedale Baptist Church

*I want to be Mardi Gras Queen I think it will be
a good experience and a lot of fun.*



Shelby Prusaski

Parents: Kathy & Joe Prusaski

Activities: Pep Club, Flags, Pom-Pons

Church: Friendship Church of Christ

*I want to be Mardi Gras Queen, so I could
experience new things, & meet new people & I
think I would find it to be very fun.*



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Mardi Gras queen candidates collect \$790.60 around the Square, Saturday morning, Oct. 4. All money goes to the Mardi Gras Queen Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all the people who gave so generously!



Mardi Gras Queen Scholarship Fund Gala

The 75th Anniversary Scholarship Gala was held at the Red Hawk Country Club on Saturday evening, October 4. We would like to thank the committee members, Londa and John Campbell, Judy and David Logsdon and Meschelle and Roger Brand for all their efforts in making this gala evening once again, A SUCCESS!! The proceeds for the evening totalled \$1206.00. Donations are still arriving in the mail, so we do not have a final total yet. Thank you to all of the donors, especially the Past Queens and PRO-TRIM for their anniversary donations.

Door prizes were donated by: David Boggis Locksmith & Security, Contempri Homes, First National Bank in Pinckneyville, Five Star Industries, John Hammack Insurance & Real Estate, Illinois Power, Ivelize Mohr, Kay's Christmas & Gift Shop, Helen L. Mayer, McDaniel's Furniture, Pepsi, and Perry County Building Center. Craig Williams Creative designed and provided the invitations with our 75th Anniversary logo on the front.

The Anthony Padgett wildlife print, "Freedom's First Family", raffle was won by Kim Pyatt, with B.J. Reagan winning the SIU season basketball tickets, donated by Jim Hart of the SIU Athletic Department. The lucky winner of the 50 / 50 drawing was Joe Crawford.

The queen candidates for this year introduced themselves with their goals for the future and college plans. A "Dollar Dance with the Candidates" followed with the music being provided for the dance and evening by Charlie Dinkins, DJ. Four past queens were in attendance and presented to the crowd, as well as the parents of this year's queen candidates.

The Mardi Gras queen candidates raffle ticket sales are the main fund raiser for the Mardi Gras Celebration, sponsored by Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce. **WE THANK THE GIRLS AND THEIR PARENTS FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DO.** Without their help we would have a very difficult, if not impossible, challenge of providing the Mardi Gras Celebration for the town and people of Pinckneyville.

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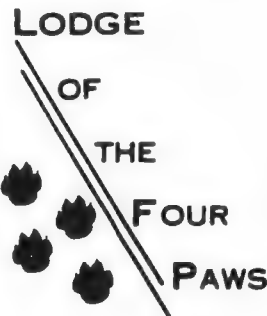
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The Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee will be sponsoring a 50 / 50 Drawing during its Mardi Gras Celebration. The goal of this drawing is to help assist the chamber offset its expenses during the year. Ticket sales will begin in the weeks before Mardi Gras and continue through the flea market and parade. The winning number will be announced during the parade and published in The Pinckneyville Democrat and on WDQN the week following the parade. The winner must present their half of the specially marked ticket to win. The winner may claim his prize immediately the evening of the parade or by contacting the chamber office at 357-3243. You do not have to be present during drawing to win. Advanced tickets may be purchased at these Pinckneyville merchants: The Flower Patch, Wittenauer Chiropractic, Pyatt Funeral Home, Consolidated Insurance or by contacting the chamber office at 357-3243. Prize money must be claimed by November 10, 1997. In the event the prize is not claimed, the money will be returned to the chamber general fund.

"Back-Seat Driver" Contest

Look for this contest on the parking lot between City Hall and the Fire Station on Saturday at Noon. Since our Pumpkin Hurl location is now a parking lot, we are having to replace it with this contest -- hopefully, you will enjoy this fun contest. \$1. per driver. BLIND FOLDED DRIVER OF GOLF CART WILL MANEUVER THROUGH THE COURSE USING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR "BACK-SEAT" DRIVER.

Food Court With Seating Area

In addition to the usual food vendor on S. Walnut Street by Mulberry Street, there will be food vendors located on the parking lot (formerly Noward's garage) at the corner of W. St. Louis St. and S. Walnut. Tables and chairs (covered by a tent if inclement weather) will be provided by the Chamber of Commerce for your dining pleasure. The Firehouse Entertainment will be on a stage in front of the Firehouse, so you can enjoy the acts while you eat. This Food Court will be open Friday afternoon as well as all day and evening Saturday, even during the parade!

Food items available at the vendors: Philly cheese steak sandwiches, polish sausage, curly fries, apple dumplings, pie by the piece, taco in a bag, barbeque, funnel cakes, corn dogs, hamburgers, hot dogs, ole time sugar popcorn, soft pretzels, Italian beef, butterfly pork chops, bar-b-q ribs, chili, Luigi's ice cream, steak gyro's.

Coronation and Tribute to Past Queens

Friday, 7 PM at the Grade School Gymnasium

A reception honoring the Past Queens will immediately follow at the school. PURPLE CAPE THAT HAS BEEN USED FOR YEARS (WE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED THE FIRST YEAR IT WAS WORN) WILL BE RETIRED AND DONATED TO THE PERRY COUNTY JAIL MUSEUM during the coronation. New tradition being set this year: all girls will wear same color dresses, SO QUEEN ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE A SURPRISE AT THE CORONATION. A septr will be presented to the queen which will be presented each year to the future queen.

Carousel Rides

Courtesy of First National Bank in Pinckneyville -- Free rides on their float carousel for children, Friday afternoon and evening, located in front of 117 S. Walnut.

Craft Fair / Flea Market

Items available for sale: Pampered Chef, sand critters & sand art, Russ Berri plush, bird houses, fence post, Santa, pottery, Longaberger baskets, wooden toys & other wooden items, Christmas decorations, dried wreaths & baskets, sport's cards, Beanie Babies, yard signs & yard decorations, Battenburg lace t-shirts & sweatshirts, southwest style semi-precious jewelry and southwest style items.

New Location of Money Scramble and Sack Races

204 S. Walnut Street -- Free -- Sponsored by Murphy-Wall State Bank

Fire Station Entertainment -- free

American DJ Sounds & Lights Show emcee throughout the day.

9:15 AM	Town of 1,000 Scarecrows Contest winners announced
9:30 AM	Precious Pumpkin Contest winners announced
10:00 AM	Ventriloquist - Michelle Todd (she is a Pinckneyville resident)
10:45 AM	Pinckneyville Village ("People") McFriends
11:00 AM	Silver Belles & a Beau
12 Noon	American DJ Sounds & Lights Show (local Pinckneyville, again)
1:30 PM	Heal Travelers
2:30 PM	Chris Egelston Magical Fun Show

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October 24

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- 10:00 am - 11:30 pm Harvest Moon Barbecue Roast, K of C Hall,
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
- 1:30 pm Children's Parade, Walnut/Mulberry St.
- 2:15 pm - 10:00 pm Carousel Rides, 117 S. Walnut
Sponsored by First National Bank in Pinckneyville
- 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm Food Court with seating, 119 S. Walnut St.
- 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Carnival (JR's Amusements) & Food Concessions, S. Walnut/W. Water St.
- 7:00 pm Mardi Gras Queen Coronation and Tribute to Past Queens, Grade School
- 8:00 pm Reception in honor of Past Mardi Gras Queens, Grade School
- 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Musical Variety Program, City Hall Parking Lot,
Sponsored by Ministerial Alliance
- 7:30 pm - 12:00 am Harvest Moon Dance (Cuttin' Loose), K of C Hall,
Sponsored by K of C
- 7:00 pm Bloody Mary Contest, K of C Hall
- 11:00 pm Wild Hog Calling Contest, K of C Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 6:00 am - 11:00 am Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Lion's Den
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Craft Fair/Flea Market, S. Walnut/W. Mulberry St.
- 8:00 am - 10:00 pm Food Court with Seating, 119 S. Walnut St.
- 8:00 am - 11:00 pm Carnival (JR's Amusements), S. Walnut/W. Water St.
- 9:00 am 8K & 1 Mile Races (Pyramid Running Club), City Park
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm American DJ Sounds & Light Show emcee for Fire Station Entertainment
- 9:15 am Town of 1,000 Scarecrows Winners Announced, Fire Station
- 9:30 am Precious Pumpkin Contest Winners Announced, Fire Station
- 10:00 am Money Scramble & Sackraces, *New Location* - 204 S. Walnut St.
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OF EVENTS



& 25, 1997 le Chamber of Commerce

10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Sanctioned Harvest Moon Roast Barbecue Judging, K of C Hall
10:00 am	Ventriloquist -- Michelle Todd, Fire Station
10:45 am	Pinckneyville Village ("People") McFriends, Fire Station
11:00 am	Silver Belles & a Beau, Fire Station, <i>Sponsored by Stotlar Drug</i>
12 Noon	"Back-Seat" Driver Contest, City Hall parking lot
12 Noon - 1:30 pm	American DJ Sounds & Light Show, Fire Station
12 Noon - 3:00 pm	Children's pictures on a miniature horse at the Perry County Jail Museum
1:30 pm	Heal Travelers, Fire Station
2:00 pm	3 Point Basketball Shootout, City Hall Parking Lot, <i>Sponsored by McDonald's</i>
2:00 pm	Marching Band Field Competition, High School
2:30 pm	Chris Egelston Magical Fun Show, Fire Station
9:00 pm - 1:00 am	Harvest Moon Dance (Cuttin' Loose), K of C Hall

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"Through The Pages Of History"

A Brief History of Pinckneyville Mardi Gras

By: Susan Frassato

Trying to figure out why 1997 is designated as an anniversary year is as confusing as determining if the next century starts on New Year's Day of the year 2000 or 2001! In 1997, Pinckneyville will hold its 76th parade and crown its 72nd Mardi Gras Queen. The 1997 event is the 75th anniversary of the first Mardi Gras celebration held in 1922. The reason why the celebration is called Mardi Gras is still a mystery. The extent to which the community holds with tradition is very clear.

The Pinckneyville Businessmen's Association, with J.C. Neising as president planned the first event which was held around the square in 1922. During the war years of 1943 and 1944 the event was limited to a small parade of masked marchers. The reason the number of Queens does not correspond to the number of parades is because in 1922, 1923 and 1924 there was no Queen. In 1935 two Queens, Wilma Bartle and Virginia McElroy, reigned due to a tie. During the war years of 1943 & 1944, no Queen was crowned.

In 1925 the Businessmen's Associated decided the community event should have a Queen. The first Queen, Hulda Schroeder was selected by blindfolding Mr. Neising and having him drop a handkerchief behind one of the candidates. Soon the selection process changed by having candidates sponsored or "put up" by various clubs, civic organizations, lodges and high school classes. The candidates would sell votes for 5 cents each in the early years

(1997 price is \$1). The candidate who collects the most money is crowned Queen of the Mardi Gras. Over the years the money collected has been used to purchase Christmas lights, band uniforms, land for industrial development and welcome signs for the highways. In 1984, a Mardi Gras Queen Scholarship was established under the Woman's Club leadership of Betty Bender Mucha, 1957 Mardi Gras Queen and Mardi Gras Queen Coordinator for over a dozen years.

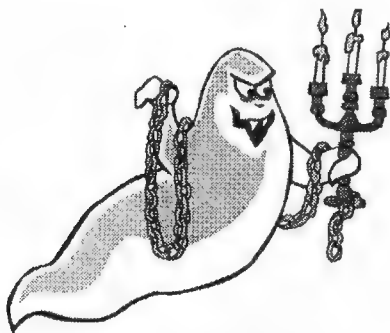


In earlier years the Queen was crowned at a coronation ceremony and dance immediately following the parade. For years highway 127 on the north side of the square was blocked off and a platform was erected between McDaniel's furniture store and the Hirsh Opera House at 4 p.m. on the day of the parade. The opera House was the location of the dance for many years. Prizes for the best costumes and floats were also awarded. In recent years, the Queen coronation is held prior to the parade to allow the Queen to reign over the festivities. The attire of the Queen and her court has its



own tradition. In 1997 the Cape worn by an unknown number of past Queens will be retired, with a new replication to be worn by future Queens. The dresses worn by this year's Queen and court will no doubt be modern and beautiful, but they will also remind some of the older generation of the early years when all of the maids and queen wore white. The fabric used for the dresses over the years has reflected the economic changes that the community has faced. In good times the dresses are made from fine fabrics and are suitable as evening gowns. In earlier years they were made from 10 cent a yard scrim, organdy or flannelette. In one particularly tight year, the Queen's dress was made from an old lace curtain.

Family involvement in Mardi Gras is also a tradition. Many families have had members involved in the Queen's court over several generations. The known relationship between Queens in immediate families are following:



Sister Queens

Virginia McElroy 1935
Mary Ann McElroy 1948

Betty Bender 1957
Barbara Bender 1972

Dana Kujawa 1979
Denise Kujana 1979
Theresa Kujawa 1982

Rhonda Hardin 1981
Cynthia Hardin 1992

Heather Ramsey 1984
Amanda Ramsey 1987

Bianca Mohr 1986
Jennifer Mohr 1989

Mother-Daughter Queens

Bonnie Sutliff 1952
Carla Tolbert 1976

Betty Bender 1957
Betsy Mucha 1985

Coralina "Connie" Birkner 1964
Heather Ramsey 1984
Amanda Ramsey 1987

Linda Erwin 1969
Elizabeth Biby 1994



1953 Marked the first Mardi Gras visit of the town's namesake, Revolutioners War patriot Col. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney. The true identity fo the masked quest of honor is a well kept secret.

In recent years, the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce has been coordinating the Mardi Gras festivities including the Queen contest. Former beauty Queen, Londa Campbell, has added modern touches, such as the now annnual GALA, to the traditional activities Roger Brand has assumed the role of float and coronation designer and builder. For many years, float designing and building was directed by

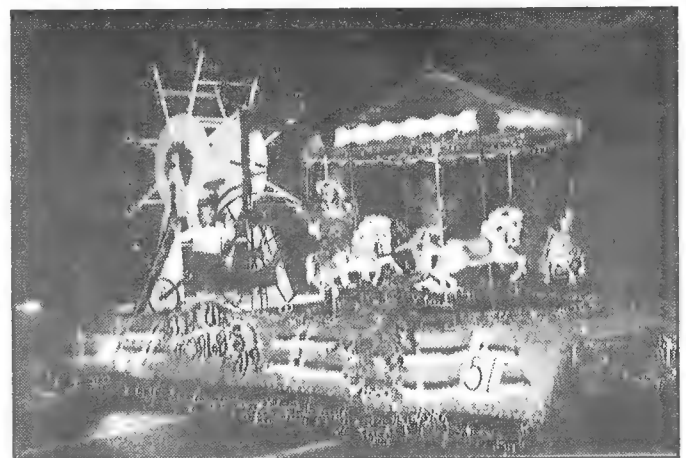


Roger and Rosalee Thomas.

The Pinckneyville Women's Club is, without a doubt, the community organiza-

tion most responsible for maintaining the tradition of the Mardi Gras Queen and coronation over these many years. Cora Sams has to be the woman most remembered by past Mardi Gras Queens, candidates and court members over the years. As a leader in the Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Club, she coordinated the efforts of countless numbers of volunteers to maintain the tradition of Mardi Gras and to help Pinckneyville maintain its sense of history and community. It is to her memory that this 1997, 75th anniversary celebration is dedicated.

The Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce is in the process of developing a detailed, year by year history of the Mardi Gras Event. If you, or a family member, were involved in any way with the festivities, please write down how you were involved and the year and drop in the box outside the chamber office or send to the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 183, Pinckneyville, IL 62274.



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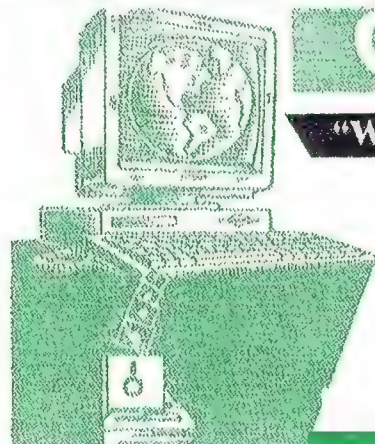
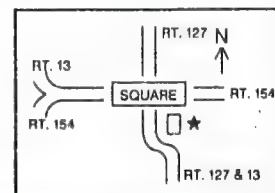
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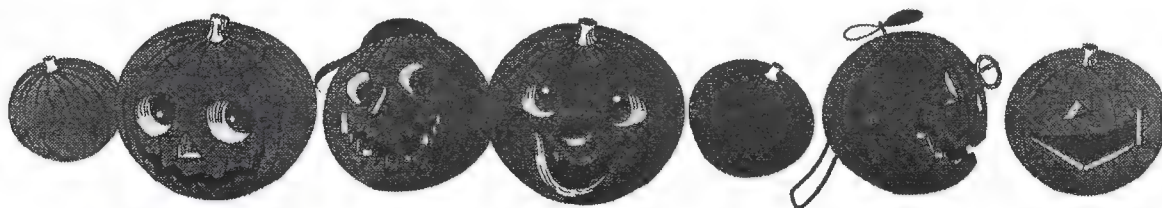
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THE REIGN OVER THE PAST 75 YEARS

YEAR REIGN	FIRST NAME	NICK NAME	MAIDEN NAME	LAST NAME	STATE	
1925.....	Hulda		Schroeder.....	Singer.....	OH	*
1926.....	Frances.....		Neising.....	Bischof.....	MO	*
1927.....	Margaret.....		Zahn.....	Reith.....	IL	
1928.....	Viola.....		Cunningham.....	Webster.....	IL	
1929.....	Mildred.....	"Midge"	Whittaker.....	Williamson.....	FL	
1930.....	Marjorie.....		Holmes.....	Johnson.....	MO	
1931.....	Pauline.....		Reidelberger.....	Thetford.....	IL	*
1932.....	Helen.....		Reid.....	McCants.....	IL	*
1933.....	Betty Lynn.....		Quillman.....	Klinger.....	IL	
1934.....	Martha.....		Schultz.....	Heller.....	TX	*
1935.....	Virginia.....		McElroy.....	Hundhausen.....	FL	
1935.....	Wilma.....	"Billy"	Bartle.....	Berg.....	IL	
1936.....	Doris.....		Keene.....	Thimmig.....	IL	*
1937.....	Margaret.....		Keene.....	Robinson.....	CA	
1938.....	Betty.....		Rouff.....	Wilson.....	OK	
1939.....	Helen.....		Warmack.....	Massey.....	IN	
1940.....	Virginia.....		Crawford.....	Mason.....	IL	
1941.....	Mary Jane.....		Horner.....	McArthur.....	CA	
1942.....	Geraldine.....		Hall.....	Huggins.....		*
1943 -- No Queen -- 1944 -- No Queen During WW II						
1945.....	Betty.....		Reel.....	Wilkerson.....	WY	*
1946.....	Virginia.....		Schilling.....	Bigham.....	IL	
1947.....	Pauline.....		Hincke.....	Cawvey.....	IL	*
1948.....	Mary Ann.....		McElroy.....	Gladson.....	IL	*
1949.....	Martha.....		Cagle.....	Keene.....	OH	
1950.....	Jaci Lou.....		Greer.....	Treitsch.....	IL	*
1951.....	Harriet Mae.....		Williams.....	Schroeder.....	IL	*
1952.....	Bonnie.....		Sutliff.....	Tolbert.....	IL	
1953.....	Marguerite.....	"Sugar"	Beninati.....	Smith.....	MO	
1954.....	Mary Frances.....		Thomas.....	Rushing.....	IL	
1955.....	Judy.....		Roe.....	Phillips.....	KY	
1956.....	Jean.....		Pillers.....	MacDonald.....	CT	
1957.....	Betty.....		Bender.....	Mucha.....	IL	

YEAR REIGN	FIRST NAME	NICK NAME	MAIDEN NAME	LAST NAME	STATE
1958	Carole		Dunn	Zeidler	IL
1959	Sylvia		Hammack	Hagene	IL
1960	Mary Deane		Bartle	Johnson	GA
1961	Erin		Roe	Witherspoon	IL
1962	Jane		Crawford	Walker	MO
1963	Judy		Opp	Needham	IL
1964	Connie		Birkner	Ramsey	IL
1965	Susan		Denton	Wilson	TN
1966	Joan		Mentel	Epplin	IL
1967	Suzanne		Wilson	Engelhardt	IL
1968	Martha		Kimzey	Heape	FL
1969	Linda		Erwin	Biby	IL
1970	Cynthia		Pyatt	Coleman	IL
1971	Debbie		Baker	Arett	GA
1972	Barbara		Bender	Hagene	IL
1973	Lisa		Williams	Beckmann	IL
1974	Barbara		Mann	Carter	CO
1975	Tirzah		Chapman	Slechticky	CA
1976	Carla		Tolbert		
1977	Rose		Mann	O'Brien	MO
1978	Donna		Gorrel	Thompson	CA
1979	Dana		Kujawa	Barton	IL
1980	Denise		Kujawa	Gielow	IL
1981	Rhonda		Hardin	Schubert	IL
1982	Theresa		Kujawa	Kelly	IL
1983	Cindy		Bruns	Blades	IL
1984	Heather		Ramsey	Higgerson	IL
1985	Betsy		Mucha	Cacioppo	IL
1986	Bianca		Mohr		IL
1987	Amanda		Ramsey	Koch	IL
1988	Tibretta		Bigham	Reiman	IL
1989	Jennifer		Mohr		IL
1990	Natalie		West		IL
1991	Rebecca		Eisenhauer		IL
1992	Cynthia		Hardin		IL
1993	Sara		Shillinger		IL
1994	Elizabeth		Biby		IL
1995	Lori		Stricker		IL
1996	Angela		McCurdy		IL

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Parade Order

1. Pinckneyville Police Car
2. American Legion Color Guard
3. Parade Banner - carried by Pinckneyville Girl Scouts
4. *Pinckneyville Jr. High School Band*
5. Grand Marshals - Past Queen Float (& convertibles)
6. Col. Pinckney - carriage
7. '97 Mardi Gras Queen Float
8. Mayor of Pinckneyville - Kirwin Heisner
9. Pinckneyville Fire Truck
10. Pinckneyville Ambulance
11. *Pinckneyville High School Band*
12. Miss Perry County - Alyssa Harsy
13. David Ryan - Scale Model T
14. Wilson Family Group - costumed walkers
15. *Dongola Jr. High Band*

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

17. Pinckneyville Lions Club - float
18. Little Miss Perry County - Paige Higgerson
19. *Jonesboro Jr. High Band*
20. Miss Sunburst of 96 & 97 - Kelsie Summers
21. Jackson County Shrine Club - float
22. Nuts & Bolts Shrine Unit - 10 old cars
23. *Cobden Jr. High Band*
24. Apple Festival Prince & Princess -
Kyle Tierman & Terri Lynn Allen
25. Applettes Twirling Group
26. Norrenberns Truck Service - 1 truck
27. Start & Stripes Tumbling & Dance Studio
28. Sparta National Guard Co. B - 3 hummers
29. The Upbeat Studio
30. Graham's Carpet Cleaning - Adv. van
31. *DuQuoin Jr. High Band*
32. Beelman Ready Mix - concrete & rock slinger trucks
33. Perry Pointe Development & Barmac Construction
34. Lawn Chair Brigade

FARM FLOATS

37. Deb Blair - float
38. American Thresherman's - 4 vehicles
39. *Meridian High School Band*
40. P & B Limo Service
41. DuQuoin Evening Call - adv. truck
42. Whippoorwill Acres - float

MISCELLANEOUS

43. Catsville Group - float
44. *Goreville High School Band*
45. Witches of Salem - float
46. Svanda Chev - Olds - 2 Adv. vehicles
47. Pepsi-Cola - antique truck
48. Thomas & Stewart - float

HORSE & HORSE DRAWN

51. Judy Clements / Hospital Home Care
52. Buttrum Family Stagecoach
53. John Pioletti
54. Epplin Family Horses
55. Nina Ruppert
56. Caroline Ruppert Hill
57. Ann Linze miniature horses
58. The James Gang & Other Outlaws & Inlaws

OUTDOOR AND RECREATION

61. Ted Pick - float
62. "Pyramid Golden Gobblers" - National Wild Turkey Federation - float
63. *Shawnee High School Band*
64. Chelse Kay McManus, 1997 New Star Discovery Supreme Queen
65. A-Wa-We-Go Tribe Camping Club - float
66. Republican Party float & marchers
69. *Sesser/Valier High School Band*

CHURCHES

70. Christian Covenant Fellowship
71. Ava Missionary Baptist Church - Youth - float
72. United Methodist Church Pre-School - float
73. Parent to Parent Support Group - vehicle
74. S & B eVents - float
75. *Steeleville High School Band*
76. St. Paul United Church of Christ - float
77. Christian Life Center - float
79. Nine Mile Baptist Church - float
80. First Pentecostal Church - float
81. *Cobden High School Band*

YOUTH

82. Pinckneyville Junior High King and Queen - float
83. Rice Road Runners - float
84. Cub Scouts Pack 128
85. Pyatt Community 4-H Club - float
86. Girl Scout Troup 132 - float
87. *Trico High School Band*
88. 204 Explorers 4-H Club - float
89. DuQuoin FFA - float
90. PCHS Homecoming Queen - Heidi Stanton
91. Clover Kids 4-H - float
93. *DuQuoin High School Band*
94. PCHS Lifesavers group
95. Little Miss Mississippi River Princess - Victoria Kinsell
96. Perry County Democrats - float and walkers
99. *Winfield High School Band*

BUSINESS AND UNION

100. Miss Junior America City Queen for DuQuoin -
Savana Ownings
 101. Conant Mine Workers - float
 102. Rock 105 TAO (WTAO-FM) - Adv. van
 103. Shamrock Real Estate - float
 104. Fairview Nursing Center - float
 105. *Columbia High School Band*
 106. Contempri Industries - float
 107. Skate Zone - Adv. convertibles with skaters
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 110. *Granite City High School Band*
 111. First National Bank of Steeleville - vehicle
 112. DuQuoin Tourism - float
 113. Perry Manor Nursing Home - float and car
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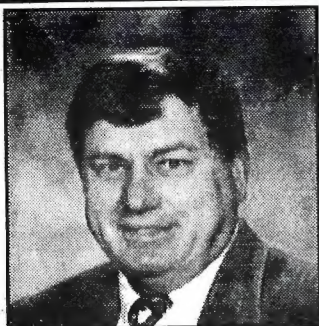
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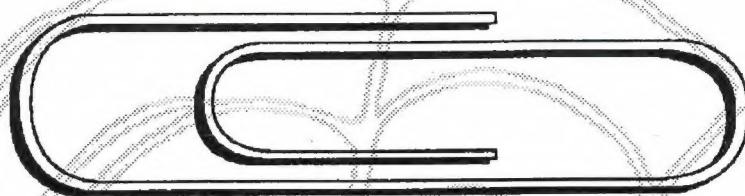


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